Lehman and Uviller Open Sessions to End Strike—Union Sees Difficulty

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Intensive negotiations to end the seven-state strike by 105,000 dressmakers were begun yester-
day.

Former Senator Herbert H. Lehman and Harry Uviller, im-
partial chairman of the dress industry, undertook the search
for a peace formula that would send members of the Interna-
tional Ladies Garment Workers Union back to work for the first
time since last Wednesday.

The mediators appeared to be aiming for a settlement this week-end. On Friday Mayor
Wagner had received assurances from the union and employers that the walkout would be ended
by tomorrow or Tuesday.

Late yesterday afternoon, after nearly three hours of dis-
cussions, Mr. Lehman said it was
"still too early to tell" when an agreement would come. Mr.
Uviller said he would know bet-
ter this afternoon.

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Last evening the two medi-
tors went into conference with
the union delegation. A similar
session is scheduled for this morning with the employer
group. There will be no report
on either meeting until 3 P. M.
today, when both sides will re-
convene at the Park-Sheraton
Hotel, where yesterday's discussions were held.

Before the talks started yester-
day, Mr. Uviller was asked if he had any specific peace
plan.

"I believe," he said, "that they have made progress. We are
here to induce them to take the
final steps that will bring tie
situation to an end.

"Although the circumstances
and situation did not prevent a
strike after thirty-five years of
peaceful relations, I believe
the experience and goodwill
built up in that period will help
Senator Lehman and me in good
stead.'"